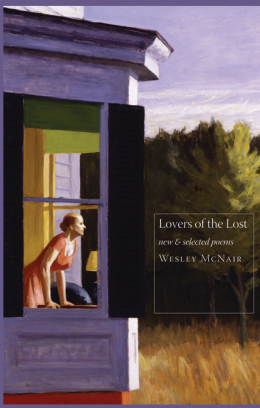


# Follow the Passion 2010:

## A Celebration & Exploration of Poetry, Dance & the Arts in Education



Friday, May 28, 2010  
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Kearsarge Regional HS  
North Sutton, NH  
kearsarge.org



Registration  
information at  
[www.nh.gov/nharts](http://www.nh.gov/nharts)  
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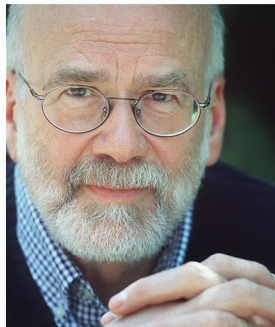
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Poet Wesley McNair and dance educator Katherine Ferrier share a passion for writing, poetry and creativity. They are award-winning artists who make art, write poetry and value the arts in education. They will be sharing their stories through poetry, dance and multi-media presentations. Author and storyteller Rebecca Rule will lead the interviews, dialogue between the artists and discussion.

The event, which is open to the public, is designed especially for teachers, teaching artists, parents, dancers, librarians, and middle- through high-school students. Community members are also welcome.



*"I was four when my mother  
stitched herself, working late  
at night, my father gone.  
She put her hand into the light  
of the Singer and pressed  
the treadle until the needle  
sang through her thumb."  
-Wesley McNair, from  
The Good-Boy Suit, in Fire*

In his presentation of "My Life as a Poet, a Multi-media Memoir," Wesley McNair uses photographs, report cards, early poems, letters from mentors and drafts from notebooks to illustrate the story of his life as a poet. He will also read poems from his latest collection, *Lovers of the Lost: New & Selected Poems* (Godine), including poems drawn from his life in NH. The author of 18 books, including poetry, essays and anthologies, McNair has been praised by Maxine Kumin as "a master craftsman," by Donald Hall as a "true poet," and by Philip Levine as "one of the great storytellers of contemporary poetry."

*Katherine Ferrier is a dancer, artist/educator, poet and visual artist who has been improvising and making dances since the late '80s. When you set out to follow your passion, it's rarely a direct path you find yourself traveling. Ferrier's multi-media presentation, "Lean Dangerous Through the Space Where the Window Will Be": Improvisation as a Life (Long) Practice, includes selections of choreography, poetry, photography and quilt-making from a career spanning more than 20 years, reflecting the ways in which she invites each discipline to inform and influence the next. Ferrier weaves together a look at the artist's life, illuminating the wisdom to be found in getting friendly with the unknown.*



*"Walk the long length out of town,  
tight-roping the quiet tracks  
into the point where things disappear  
into the empty of open hands."  
-Katherine Ferrier, from songs  
from another noon (day one)*

Professional development credits will be offered.

The registration of \$60 includes a box lunch, opportunities for book purchase and signing, plus an early afternoon picnic and hike at Mount Kearsarge, from nearby Winslow State Park in Wilmot. Writers and humanities scholars Kay Morgan and Emma Rous will lead the hike, offering some history and writings about Mount Kearsarge, plus time for participants to write.

# Follow the Passion: Program Registration Form

Friday, May 28, 2010, 9 am

Kearsarge Regional High School, North Sutton, NH



Please fill out and sign this form and mail **it with your check, made out to "AANNH" (Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire) to:**  
Frumie Selchen, AANNH, HC64 Box 223, Wonalancet NH 03897

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Work telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Web site (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

I am a(n):    \_\_\_ Educator    \_\_\_ Administrator    \_\_\_ Parent    \_\_\_ Nonprofit staff member  
              \_\_\_ Librarian        \_\_\_ Artist    \_\_\_ Dancer    Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years working in the field: \_\_\_ One year or less \_\_\_ 2-5 years \_\_\_ 5-10 years \_\_\_ 10 years +

### Registration Fee: \$60

- Please note: Registration fee is nonrefundable.

As space is limited, early registration is encouraged. Lunch cannot be guaranteed after May 21.

Please indicate box lunch choice (all sandwich meals include water, chips, cookie & apple):

- Ham & cheese bulkie sandwich w/ lettuce (mayo/mustard on side)  
 Hummus Salad Wrap             Tuna w/ lettuce on wheat bread     Chicken Salad Wrap

**Photography:** By registering and signing this form, I give permission for my photograph to be taken to be used in NHSCA and AANNH publications and websites.

your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Needs:** If you need special accommodations due to disability, please fax a brief description to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, at (603) 271-3584, not later than May 7, 2010 so that we can make every effort to accommodate your requests.

**Confirmation of Registration:** Registrants will receive e-mail confirmation and directions before the conference. If you prefer written confirmation or a receipt, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your registration.